



IAEA Board of Governors – March 2025
Nuclear safety, security and safeguards in Ukraine
STATEMENT BY SWITZERLAND

Thank you, Madam Chair,

Switzerland commends the Agency for its continued commitment to nuclear safety, security and safeguards in Ukraine. My delegation fully supports the Five Principles, the Seven Pillars and all of the Agency's efforts in Ukraine.

The Agency's missions, and in particular ISAMZ, are absolutely essential for providing impartial and independent reporting and their continuance is eminently important. The security of all IAEA experts on mission must be the top priority and any attack on them is unacceptable.

Madam Chair,

Switzerland condemns the attack on the New Safe Confinement (NSC) of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. The NSC serves as powerful reminder of the consequences of a nuclear accident or incident. Let me emphasize: Any attack on any nuclear power plant is irresponsible and unacceptable.

Switzerland also condemns Russian attacks on civilian objects which have considerably damaged Ukraine's energy infrastructure. The reduced capability of the electrical grid puts reliable off-site power supply at risk which is essential to ensure nuclear safety at Ukraine's operating NPPs.

All parties must comply with international humanitarian law, in particular with the Geneva Conventions and the First Additional Protocol. Switzerland recalls that attacks against civilians or civilian objects are prohibited. We underscore our repeated calls on the parties to the conflict

to refrain from conducting any hostilities in the vicinity of NPPs or other nuclear facilities.

Mr Chair,

We remain equally concerned about the precarious situation at ZNPP, due to Russia's forceful seizure in the context of its war against Ukraine. We deplore the fact that six of the Seven Pillars remain fully or partially compromised and that certain activities continue to put the observance of the Five Principles at risk. We call on Russia and Ukraine to fully respect the Five Principles.

Finally, Switzerland once again calls on Russia to immediately withdraw its troops from all Ukrainian territory, including from the ZNPP, and to implement all relevant resolutions by the IAEA Board of Governors and the General Conference.

Thank you.